January, 1919.

St. Andrew's Church, Madras

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Dorcas Society Secretary—Mrs. J. R. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk.
Woman's Guild Secretary—Miss Bain, Orme's Road, Kilpauk, Acting.
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Church Officer—Mr. H. Boys, Kirk Villa, Egmore.

4 SEP 1919

Church Notices

SITTINGS AND MAGAZINES—Application for vacant sittings should be made to the Clerk, with whom should also be lodged orders for the Monthly Parish Magazine (Rs. 2 per annum). To seat holders *Life and Work*, with local Supplement, is supplied free. Copies of the Hymnary, Psalter, and Anthem Book, with or without music, may also be purchased from the Church Clerk.

HOURS OF SERVICE—Divine Service is held on Sundays at 8 A.M. and 6 P.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE on Thursdays, at 6-15 P.M.

HOLY COMMUNION—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is dispensed after evening service on the first Sunday of every quarter, and after morning service on the sixth Sunday of the quarter.

BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism is administered in the Church on Thursday evenings, or on Sundays after the morning service.

FUNERALS should be arranged through an Undertaker.

ST. ANDREW'S CEMETERY—St. Andrew's Cemetery is, by Government order, reserved for the burial of *bona fide* members of St. Andrew's Church and Presbyterian soldiers; and the sanction of the Chaplain has to be obtained.

FREE SCHOOL—There is an Industrial Class in connection with the Free School. Orders for towels, dusters, etc., may be sent to Mrs. Atkinson, Kedleston, Kilpauk, or to the Church Clerk. The money thus earned helps to defray the salary of an extra teacher.

SOLDIERS' ENTERTAINMENTS—During the Hot Weather Soldiers' Entertainments are given on the first and third Thursdays of every month, at 4 P.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, at 5 P.M. from January to April, and August to December.

Church Notes

Communion.—The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be dispensed at the close of Morning Service on Sunday, 9th February, being the sixth Sunday of the Quarter. The Communion was celebrated at the close of the Evening Service on the first Sunday of the year, 5th January, when thirty-nine were present.

The Free School.—The school re-opened on Monday, 13th January, after the Christmas holidays. The opening attendance was 56. Four of the pupils, Phoebe Beck, Dorothy Clarkson, Edward Crownshaw and Daniel Henricus, finished the Fourth Standard work last year. Phoebe Beck is now a Pupil-teacher in the School; Dorothy Clarkson has gone

to the Collegiate School; Daniel Henricus to Christ Church; Edward Crownshaw is working at the Methodist Publishing House. Our interest will follow these ex-pupils in their various spheres, and we shall always hope for good news of them. We are glad that the Teaching Staff remains unaltered for the present and will continue so until after the Inspection in March. There are now 66 children on the Roll, and the attendance since re-opening has been good. Miss Iles, Lecturer to Government in Music and Singing, visited the school on 29th January, and made the following remarks in the visiting book: "Miss Staggs is conducting the Singing on excellent lines: the children are attentive and sing sweetly and tunefully." We hope this first visit during the term is an augury of a successful term's work.

Mrs. Turner.—We had the great pleasure of welcoming Mrs. W. A. Turner back at the beginning of the year.

Congratulations.—It was with sincere pleasure that his many friends saw the name of Sir William Beardsell among those of the recipients of New Year Honours, and it is fitting that we should record here the pleasure felt by all members of the congregation for whom he has done so much.

Dinner to the Poor.—This annual festivity took place in the School-room on 2nd January. The School had been skilfully decorated, and in preparation for the Children's Treat next day a large Christmas Tree had been provided. Through the kindness of all concerned it was arranged to have this lighted up in the course of the evening, and its appearance added greatly to every one's enjoyment. A number of ladies were out of Madras for the holidays, but a number kindly came and helped with the serving of the dinner. These included Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Boys, the Misses Falconer, Mrs. Innes, Miss Stevenson. An impromptu programme of music was also given.

Christmas Decorations and Gifts.—In some respects the Church is said never to have looked better than at the last Christmas Season, and our special thanks are due to Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Innes, and Miss Stevenson for the beautiful flowers they sent for decoration. There are always kind friends who "remember the poor" by sending fruit and cakes for distribution, and amongst these we may mention Their Excellencies the Governor and Lady Pentland, the Misses Falconer, Mrs. Gordon, Mrs. Innes, Mrs. Puddephatt, Mr. Ashworth.

The Sunday School.—Mr. Ashworth writes: The school re-opened after the Christmas holidays with a good attendance of children, on Sunday, January 12th. Nearly seventy scholars attended on January 19th which is a total only equalled on one Sunday last year. The encouraging start adds weight to the constant request we have made for more teachers. The fact that so many children came to the school shows that the work is appreciated, and it stands to reason that it cannot be done as efficiently as we should like if we continue to suffer from such a famine in teachers.

The Annual Sunday School Treat was held in the compound and school-room on Friday, January 3rd. The Programme consisted of Merry-go-rounds, Punch and Judy, a Cocoanut Shy, and Sports. At 5-15 the children sat down at well-spread tables in the compound and soon did justice to the food set before them. At 6 o'clock an adjournment was made to the school-room where a Hymn was sung, followed by a prayer by the Chaplain, the distribution of special prizes by Mrs. Atkinson, and the Superintendent's Report. "The surprise" of the evening then took place when a large Christmas tree was suddenly lit up by many little electric bulbs making a most pleasing sight. From under the tree a small fairy appeared (in the person of Miss Maggie Boys) and sang to the audience—thus heralding the arrival of Father Christmas, who, in the person of Mr. Theobald, came on the scene dragging a whole string of toys behind him. His arrival was greeted with cheers, and the enthusiasm waxed stronger still as he distributed the gifts to the children. Bidding them a Happy New Year and Farewell, Father Christmas went back to his home until another Christmas comes round. The proceedings closed with the National Anthem and cheers for those responsible for the success of the Treat.

The following is the Report referred to above:—

The School was opened on thirty-six Sundays during the year, the average mean attendance of scholars being fifty-one per Sunday. The highest attendance was sixty-eight on March 10th, and the lowest attendance twenty-one on March 3rd. Towards

the end of the year the severe epidemic of Influenza had a marked influence on the attendance which fell to a very low ebb.

The work has again been handicapped by the shortage of teachers, and our thanks are due to those who last year helped us to carry on this work at all.

Woman's Guild.—The usual meeting on the third Thursday of the month was held on 16th January, the first Thursday falling within the Christmas holidays. The allocation of the money raised by the Sale of Work in December was discussed, and it was agreed to distribute it as follows:—For the support of a child in St. George's Homes, Rs. 1,000; for the Free School, Rs. 1,000; for War Funds, Rs. 2,000; the balance to be sent to the Church of Scotland Women's Mission, Kilpauk.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WOMAN'S GUILD

Sale of Work

The following is the result of the Sale, showing the nett receipts of various Stalls, etc.—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Plain and Fancy	1,167	4	0
Tea and Sugar	699	3	0
School Girls' work	558	10	0
Sweets	202	8	0
Jams and Pickles	536	4	0
Books and Knick-nacks	360	0	0
Cigars and Cigarettes	214	14	0
Toys	313	5	0
"White Elephant" (Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. King)	413	8	0
Flowers and Plants	112	0	0
Rupee Stall and Bran Pie ...	100	0	0
Japanese Tea Set Raffle ...	70	0	0
Cocoanut Shy	23	4	0
Tea Room	483	14	0
Receipts—general (donations, etc.)	978	10	0
Total ...	6,233	4	0
Less Expenses for Advertising, Band, etc.	105	6	0
Nett Result of Sale of Work ...	6,127	14	0
Scottish Concert:—			
Total Drawings ... 889 10 0			
Less Expenses ... 72 0 0	817	10	0
Grand Total Rs ...	6,945	8	0

This amount it has been decided to allocate as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
War Purposes	2,000	0	0
St. George's Homes for upkeep of one girl	1,000	0	0
St. Andrew's Free School ...	1,000	0	0
Church of Scotland Mission, Kilpauk	2,945	8	0

Soldiers' Entertainment.—The success of the Soldiers' Entertainments given in the Church compound during the last two hot weathers was evidenced by a request from the Fort Y. M. C. A. some two months ago that others should be arranged for. It was not found possible at the time to do so, but on the request being renewed the Woman's Guild kindly undertook to help in an entertainment on 30th January. Mrs. Atkinson with an able band of assistants had cakes cut, tables spread, and everything ready for the men, who arrived in a special car from the Fort just before 4 o'clock. After tea an adjournment was made to the compound, where all five Clock-golf Rings, the three Badminton Courts, Mr. Ashworth's Skittle Alley, a set of Bucket quoits, and two card tables seemed to be almost continuously occupied all afternoon. At the coming of the time when coolness might have been expected—though it was never very cool—a game of Rounders was arranged by Mr. H. S. Robertson, and the keenness displayed was ample proof of its success. After dark cold drinks were served in the School-room, and the Concert Programme was then gone on with. At least two prominent lady vocalists were unable to be present who had hoped to help us, but the programme was a good and varied one, including a recitation from Miss Bain, pianoforte solos from Miss Short, and songs from Miss Atkinson, Miss Harvey, and Miss Stevenson. Three of our guests also contributed songs, and Mrs. King, who has delighted every one by her singing at previous concerts, was this time represented by her nephew. The National Anthem, preceded by *Rule-Britannia*, was sung just before 8 o'clock. Additional dainties were sent by several friends: Curry puffs by Mrs. Atkinson, Sandwiches by Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Dewar, Mrs. Gillan (by proxy!), Mrs. McDougall, Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Vaughan. Mrs. Puddephatt sent a very fine cake, and as it was not urgently required it was drawn for, to the interest of all and the evident delight of the winner. We have also to acknowledge with thanks kind gifts of cigars from Messrs. McDowell & Co., and sugar from Messrs. Parry & Co. The bills have not yet come in, but will be published next month.

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Baptism

" *Suffer little children to come unto Me.*"

9th January, 1919.--Valentine Richard, son of Harry and Eva Moreira.

Burials

" *I am the Resurrection and the Life.*"

27th December, 1918.—Henry William Gorman, 69 years—Kilpauk General Cemetery.

2nd January, 1919.—Arthur Lionel Walton, 8 months—St. Andrew's Cemetery.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS

I.—Monthly Statement of Kirk Session Fund Account for December, 1918

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Government Grant	109	0	0	To Church Choir for Nov., 1918 ...	165	0	0
„ Seat Rents	48	0	0	„ „ Estabt. „ „ ...	176	0	0
„ Special Collection, Scottish Women's Hospitals ...	292	6	9	„ „ Servants' War batta for November, 1918...	10	0	0
„ Special Collection, Charity Fund, 24th and 25th Dec. ...	117	13	4	„ Organ Blowers	4	0	0
„ Church Collections	158	4	7	„ Methodist Printing House Bills Nos. 536 & 561 ...	14	8	0
„ Organ Practice	10	0	0	„ M.E.S. Co. Current for Nov.'18.	9	4	0
„ Grazing (November)	12	0	0	„ Postage and Petty Cash ...	7	11	0
„ Refunds	10	0	0	„ Charity Fund Account, Special Collections	117	13	4
				Balance Cr. this Account ...	253	4	4
Total ...	757	8	8	Total ...	757	8	8

II.—Monthly Statement of St. Andrew's Free School Account for December, 1918

Receipts	Amount			Disbursements	Amount		
	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.
By Subscriptions	2	0	0	To Teachers and Establishment ...	195	0	0
„ Refund	10	0	0	„ Food Account	55	7	0
„ Cash	283	0	0	„ Miscellaneous Account, October and November, 1918 ...	6	1	6
				„ Advts., " Madras Mail " (Nov.)	8	7	6
				„ Tuning Piano	5	0	0
				„ Annual Prizes	25	0	0
Total ...	295	0	0	Total ...	295	0	0

H. BOYS,
Church Clerk.

D. H. GILLAN,
Senior Chaplain.

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